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"FRAMED" AND MURDERED.

"Truth like murder will out" - is an old saying. The truth concerning the British Empire's Murder of Peter Barnes and James McCormick, the Coventry Martyrs, is already coming to light. Below we give a few facts which will be sufficient to prove even to the most doubting that Barnes and McCormick were condemned long before they were even tried, and that nothing was to prevent the depraved Empire from carrying out its murderous task.

(1) We submit to you the following extracts from a letter written by Teresa McNally, Duninoghaire:-

"I was living in Coventry last summer and I was arrested on Sept. 8th, and spent a night and day in the next cell to Mrs. Hewitt in the Police Station, Mary Street, Coventry. Mrs. O'Hara was in the opposite cell.

When I arrived at the police station the women had already been there a full week. Passing Mrs. Hewitt's cell, I saw her for a moment. She was wearing only her underclothes and a light blanket on her shoulders. She had no shoes or stockings. She looked very ill.

When the doors had been closed, she called to me and during the course of the night I heard her story. I had known her previously. I now found her utterly changed, unnerved and in torment because the police had taken her nine months old baby from her and had been threatening her that if she would not talk for them they would put it in the poor-house and that it would remain there while she served a life sentence. Both Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. O'Hara believed all that was told them and were breaking their hearts about the baby.

It was clear to me that the police had made full use of their affection for the child in order to secure the evidence they wanted.."

(Signed) Teresa McNally.

(It was on statements forcibly extracted from these two terror stricken women that the prosecution based its case against the two men)

(2) - Dr. Brennan, Coroner, Co. Dublin, has already publicly stated that he had absolute proof that the explosions which occurred throughout England on Tuesday, Feb 6th (the day before the Birmingham Executions) were the work of British Agents.

(This is not the first time that Britain has resorted to such methods in order to justify her perpetration of a heinous crime)

(3) The charges pending against James Hewitt were withdrawn by the Crown.

(The reason for this unusual move was not love of James Hewitt, but that in order to proceed with his case, it would have been necessary to postpone the Executions, as evidence from James McCormick was essential. Fear that the two doomed men might be saved, even at the last moment, caused the British tyrant's decision to leave Hewitt, a prospective victim go free)

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"PETER AND JAMES"

The evening that you died,
There was a golden West,
And when the darkness fell,
Starlight on prison cell,

Prisoners at rest,
Then rose three stranger stars,
Each side by side,
Shedding their shoon,
None knew their names;
I heard a pale man say,
"Peter and James
Are they,
With Christ between".

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A HEROE'S FAREWELL

In the course of his last letter, written to his sister, James McCormick penned the following words:-

"I know that I would have to die, so the news did not come as a shock to me; but thank God I am prepared, as I know I am dying for a good Cause.

So, May, I shall walk out in the morning smiling as I shall be thinking of my God and the good men who went before me fighting for the same Cause".

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The following men were sentenced by the Special "Criminal" Court, Collins Barracks, on Tuesday, Feb. 6th:-

James Maguire	Co. Meath	6 months.
Michael McCarthy	Cork	4 "
Michael Walsh	"	6 "
Thos. Murphy	"	3 "
John Kinnefick	"	3 "
John Varian	"	3 "
Patrick Griffin	"	3 "

On Thursday, 8th inst., men sentenced by the same Court were:-

Thos. Hyland	Co. Cork	3 months.
Eoin Buckley	"	3 "
Thos. Walsh	Dundalk	3 "
James Wynne	"	3 "
Patrick Walsh	Kildare	3 "

John Dwyer, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin, was sentenced to 5 years penal servitude on Friday, 9th inst. He was charged with endeavouring to induce two members of the "Free State" Army to disclose certain information.

Other men sentenced by the Special "Criminal" Court on the same day were:-

Andrew Boland	Tipperary	3 months.
Thos. Doyle	Dublin	6 "
Michael Hickey	Tipperary	3 "

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3 YEARS FOR DUBLIN BOY.

Brendan Behan, a sixteen year old Dublin boy, was sentenced at Liverpool Assizes on Wednesday, February 7th to 3 years Borstal detention on a charge of possessing explosives.

When sentenced, Behan, who had refused to plead, declared "It is my proud privilege and honour to stand in an English Court to testify to the unyielding determination of the Irish people to regain every inch of our National territory and to give expression to the noble aspirations for which so much Irish blood has been shed, and so many hearts have been broken, and for which so many friends and comrades are languishing in English jails". As he was removed from the dock he shouted "God Save Ireland".

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THE FIRST INTERNEES.

William Mulligan, Dublin, was discharged by the Special "Criminal" Court on Friday 2nd inst. He was re-arrested and interned on the following day.

Bertie McCormack, a Leitrim Republican was also interned last week.

An interesting point is that both men had been interned several days before the Supreme Court decision in connection with the repaired O.A.T.S. Act had been announced.

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IF COERCION IS CONSTITUTIONAL THEN BOTH COERCION AND CONSTITUTION MUST GO.

No charge. No trial. No opportunity for defending oneself. No sentence. Indefinite imprisonment. Limitless punishment. Possible execution.

The above is but a brief summary of the many acts of petty tyranny which are definitely not repugnant to the much-vaunted "Christian democratic" Constitution forced on a section of the Irish people some time ago by His Britannic Majesty's Prime Minister - de Valera.

Those who may have thought that the "Christian Constitution" was a safe-guard to our liberties must now be disillusioned on that score.

When delivering the pre-arranged judgement, the "Free State" Chief Justice explained that de Valera's Offences against the State Act would certainly have been repugnant to the Constitution except that Coercion had now become a habit here - it possesses a traditional standing.

In an effort to force the people of the Twenty-Six Counties to become law-abiding Empire slaves Mr. de Valera has again resorted to Coercion.

On Sept. 23rd, 1917, this same de Valera stated "if Ireland had a law of her own, she would be the most law-abiding and perhaps the best Governed Nation in the world".

To-day Ireland, even on Mr. de Valera's admission is neither law-abiding nor well Governed. The obvious reason is that she is still without a law of her own.

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ARMAGH SENTENCE.

James Leonard, Armagh, was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment on Thursday, 8th inst. He was charged with being in possession of documents relating to the I.R.A.

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TYRONE CINEMA SCENES.

When the British King and Queen were shown in Coalisland Picture House; last week, a section of the audience sang the Soldier's Song. R.U.C. men, who were called by the proprietor, ejected the disturbers. This action was followed by a general uproar by the audience which continued for some time.

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GREAT 1916 PICTURE.

A splendid picture of the scene in the G.P.O. Dublin, just before the evacuation in 1916, is now available. The picture which shows the rounded Connolly, Pearse and other leaders, can be had post free 2/2d from Irish Book Bureau, 68, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.

A WATERFORD PASTORAL.

Ever since I came amongst you I have devoted my voice and pen to one object, viz; the building up in your hearts of a fierce hate against the I.R.A. It is not a secret oath-bound Society, but I feel justified in denouncing it as such. It is not by any stretch of the imagination Communist, but I feel justified again in denouncing it as such, even as the body of the hierarchy felt justified in denouncing it on the strength of faked documents hawked round to them by Eoin O'Duffy and Co., in 1931. Those documents have since been proved to have been faked, but you are not supposed to know that, and I am not bound to enlighten you on the point.

I am aware that the most bitter opponents of the I.R.A. Campaign in England have been and are the Communists. They have publicly denounced it in the press and on the platform, but you are not supposed to know that, and so I may safely say that that Campaign is part of the international Offensive against religion. I am against the I.R.A., I am against every Separatist activity and Organisation, because bishops like me - pro-British, un-Irish - have always been against them and against Irish Independence and in favour of British Imperialism and the perpetuation of British domination in Ireland.

I am against separation because bishops like us were in favour of the abominable Union effected through bribery, murder and corruption by Pitt and Castlereagh. I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me were against the I.R.A. of 1798 and denounced the patriot priests of that period as "unprincipled ruffians". I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me were against Young Ireland and in favour of the O'Connell gang, even after the latter had called the Primate of All Ireland a Maniac because he differed from them in politics. I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me were against the Fenians and in favour of the swindlers, perjurers and suicides, Sadleir and Keogh. I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me were against the people who fought immoral and savage landlordism in the Land War, because bishops like me called Dr. Duggan, Bishop of Clonfert, a Communist, when he led his people against the rapacious monster, Clanrickard, who wanted to clear them forever out of their homes.

I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me denounced their own princely colleague, Dr. Grose, to the Vatican. I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me were against the heroes and martyrs of 1916 and called them "madman and murderers". I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me pronounced sentence of excommunication against the I.R.A. for defending the people of Ireland against the murderous Black and Tans. I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me denounced the I.R.A. in 1922 and called the traitors who became England's tools "soldiers of Christ". I am against the I.R.A. because bishops like me have always stood with the English enemy against the best and bravest, the most faithful and devoted of their own people.

You may become anglicised to the heart's core, you may drink in all the mental poison poured into this country by England, you may become imitators of the most depraved of Ireland's pagan enemies, but I have no time and no energy to devote to warning you against such trifling dangers. If you do not join or help or encourage or approve of the I.R.A., if you are content to remain forever under the domination of the British Empire, if you are satisfied to be little Britishers like me, not a word of admonition or condemnation shall you hear from me.

I say this to you in all solemnity because every West-British, un-Irish, Slavish bishop in Ireland has said the same thing though all the generations, and will continue to say it until Ireland is free.

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PROTESTS AND BATONS.

Exciting scenes were witnessed throughout the Six Counties on Sunday 11th inst. when Meetings protesting against the executions of Peter Barnes and James McCormick were banned by Sir Dawson Bates.

BELFAST:- Thirteen people were arrested by over 100 armed police following more than 20 baton charges. Thousands of citizens had assembled at Smithfield Sq. to hold the Meeting when the first baton charge was carried out. The crowd jeered the police and sang National songs; later they attacked the police and fought their way from street to street. Mourning badges were widely worn and blinds were drawn in Nationalist areas. As a result of Sunday incidents several people were sentenced in Belfast on Monday last.

ARRAIGH:- A Public Meeting was banned and hundreds of extra police were drafted in. A Protest Meeting was later held in Pearse Hall.

DERRY:- Two detectives were forced to withdraw from a Protest Meeting in Derry after they had refused to remove their hats during the 2 minutes silence. Similar scenes were witnessed in many other areas.

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1 n-aindeoin gué Saebeal, do cuir "maoraí Sacsain" beirt fear neimh-éionnta eile cun báis an tseachtain seo 'mís éarainn. Níor cuir a n-éionntaí aon iongnantas mór ar Saebealaib - tá sé i n-am aca taitíse a beir aca ar érócaire agus ar comérom Sall pé'n beraí seo. B'féidir go dtuigtear anois bíob san - b'fianha fáil - atá i rann an tSasannaib le camall anuas, an tor atá ag an Sasannaib oréa. Níl aon atriú tagaíse ar iontinn an tSasannaib b'éirinn ná b'éireannaib anois agus ní éiofaib go bráit. 'Siad ar dearg-naimbe iad, na Sasannaib, - níl be naimbib againn aet iad agus níl se bunnarú a beineabar seachtain ómsoin aet leanúint ar an ngear-éirib atá 'á mirt ar éirinn aca le h-oet gcéad bliain.

Tá an saogal a' tagairt anois do sprib bo-élaibte Saebeal. Ní cuirib báis na bfeair san stop le troib na saoirse - is anlaio a géarócaib an éagóir a beineab oréa, an cómraé agus mara raib coélab ró-sám ag an nSall le bliain - táll nó abpus - is corruigte ná san an sham a beib aige feasta.

BALLYKINLAR RAIDED.

While Dawson Bates and his fellow Imperialists in Stormont were busy on Saturday night, Feb. 10th, completing arrangements for the suppression of all Protests in the North against the Birmingham Executions, a section of the Irish Republican army was also busy in the Capital of the North completing its arrangements.

Our Northern comrades realised that the most effective Protest would be a swift blow at the Empire. They accordingly set out for Ballykinlar Camp by car. Arriving there they entered and knocking at the Armoury door, arrested the sentry and coolly proceeded to collect all available rifles and several Bren guns.

The car was loaded and taking the bewildered, blindfolded sentry with them, the Volunteers drove away unmolested.

The only trace the Empire Forces could find of our men was a note "We are far away in Johnston's motor car" - a line from a ballad recalling an earlier successful raid.

OPERATIONS IN ENGLAND.

Our Units were responsible for fires at several Military Posts in England recently.

A serious outbreak of fire at Chelsea Barracks, London, caused considerable damage, and almost completely destroyed a portion of the barracks.

On Feb. 11th, flames shot over 60 feet into the air from Military Barracks at Gravesend. Officers quarters were burned out and the fire was seen 20 miles away.

Eight aeroplanes and five engines were destroyed by incendiary action on Tues. 6th inst. at Maylands Civil Aerodrome, Romford, Essex. Only a few instruments and models used for flying instruction were saved.

A terrific explosion shook Coventry on Thursday, Feb. 8th. A building contractors hut was demolished.

THE PROTESTS.

Protests against the Birmingham Murders were made throughout the Country on Sunday last, 11th inst, by various bodies.

In Dublin, thousands took part in a parade to the G.P.O. following Special Mass at Whitefriars Street Church.

Meetings were also held in Mullingar, Drogheda, Limerick, Kerry Tipperary, Belfast, Armagh etc.

At G.A.A. Games held on Sunday last, a two minutes silence was observed and the Last Post sounded.

An outstanding feature noted at all Protests was the unanimous appeal for unity amongst the Irish people in order to complete the task for which James McCormick and Peter Barnes unselfishly gave their lives - a Free and Gaelic Irish Republic.

FOREIGN COMMENTS.

Foreign comments last week concerning the Birmingham executions have shown clearly that the world now sees through England's hypocritical mask of "defender of small nations".

Commentators in U.S.A., Germany, Italy etc. had nothing but the greatest admiration for the two Martyrs. England's responsibility was emphasised and the fact that there can never be peace between the two countries until the Empire's domination in Ireland shall have ceased was made perfectly clear in all foreign statements.

LONDON ARRESTS.

As a result of intense police activity in England last week, three Irishmen were taken to Scotland Yard, where they are detained. No charge has yet been made against them.